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As an IT professional who has willingly embraced the MS paradigm BECAUSE of the interoperability it affords me, I want this nightmare of persecution to end! It makes for a difficult planning\assessment and deployment of MS technology when we don't know if the products are going to be gutted and if we'll have to uninstall versions in order to appease a small bunch of unsuccessful competitors who wish to retain their high priced market shares (Sun and Oracle). In case no one has noticed, there are a number of market niches that MS has wisely stayed out of, allowing other technologies. If the world is so afflicted by the dominance of MS, why haven't there been massive shifts over to Linux, if cost is a consideration? O/S was touted as having several superior features and yet developers never produced the applications necessary to make that O/S a success. We select the products we need based on how they serve our needs, not by publisher. When I buy a book by a favorite author, I am not at all concerned with who the publisher is... I read the book because of the author!